

Application No. 10/511,522
Response to Office action dated 03/07/2006
Response dated 06/07/2006

REMARKS

Applicants hereby respond to an Office action dated 03/07/2006 setting therein a shortened statutory period of 3 months for a response. This response is filed within three months of the aforementioned date and hence no fees for extension of time are required.

No new matter, nor any matter unsupported by the application as filed, is introduced as a result of the requested amendments.

Preliminary Comments:

Applicants note that International Application PCT/SE03/00614, of which this is the National Stage, recited 22 claims.

Applicants further note that on October 15, 2005 the undersigned presented a Preliminary Amendment having therein a claim listing showing claims 1 through 19 inclusive and canceling Claims 4 - 12 and 19. The claim listing showed Claim 1 (original claim 1), Claim 2 (original claim 2), Claims 3 through 18 (corresponding to original claims 4 through 19) but omitted the subject matter of claim 3 and did not address the status of claims 20, 21 or 22.

After entry of the claim listing provided in the preliminary amendment Claims 1 through 3 and 13 through 18 were in this application.

Applicants still further note that on March 3, 2006 Examiner Dcsai telephoned the undersigned and proposed a restriction between Group I, Claims 1-3, 17 and 18 as listed in the preliminary amendment, directed to compounds, and Group II, Claims 13 - 16 as listed in the preliminary amendment, directed to methods. The undersigned by telephone elected Group I.

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Applicants yet further note that on June 6, 2006 the undersigned discussed the status of claims 20, 21 and 22 with Examiner Desai by telephone and the Examiner indicated that the claims should be canceled.

Response:

With the claim listing presented herein, Applicants request cancellation of claims 1 through 22 and request entry of new claims 23 through 29 wherein:

Claim 23 corresponds to original claim 1,
Claim 24 corresponds to original claim 2,
Claim 25 corresponds to original claim 3,
Claim 26 corresponds to original claim 4,
Claim 27 is a new claim,
Claim 28 corresponds to original claim 18, and
Claim 29 corresponds to original claim 19.

Claims 23 through 29 are now in this application.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's statement that Claims 1, 2, 3, 17 and 18 are allowable. The corresponding claims are now claims 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29.

Applicants respectfully point out that original claim 3, (now claim 25) is directed to subject matter entirely within the scope of allowable Claim 1, (now claim 23) and hence is also allowable.

Applicants respectfully point out that new claim 27 is directed to subject matter entirely within the scope of allowable Claim 3, (originally claim 4 and now claim 23) and hence is also allowable.

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Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to canceled subject matter in future divisional or continuation applications.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully solicit prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowance and Notice of Issue Fee Due.

Respectfully submitted,

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